

Civil Service Test Information

Police officer applicants are required to take a pre-employment Civil Service test. The police officer applicant does not need any special law enforcement knowledge to successfully complete this test. Allow for at least 4 hours to complete the testing process. This examination is video based, comprised of two sections, with a third written portion.

The test is comprised of three categories:

- Human Relations (multiple choice questions)
- Reading (multiple choice questions)
- Report Writing

General Tips for taking the Civil Service Test

- Knowledge of police procedures are not needed to answer the questions correctly, but rather look at this test as a common sense approach to answering the questions.
- Base all your answers on the information and guidelines provided in the test.
- Attempt to answer every question. If you are unsure of the correct answer, mark the one which you think is the best.

Reading Portion:

- Read carefully and follow the directions given in the booklet.
- Do not spend too much time on any one question.
- No question is meant to be a “trick” or catch question.
- Interpret words according to their generally accepted meaning.
- Check carefully to be sure you have not skipped any questions. Be sure you have answered all of the test items.
- Plan your time so that you complete the examination within the time allowance. You will be told when to start and stop. If you have extra time, check your work.
- Relax and work steadily.
- Leave yourself plenty of time to get to the testing facility. Be sure to allow time for traffic and traveling through unfamiliar territory.

- Applicants can for a fee, take a practice test that can be found on the following web site. www.frontlinetest.com.

NOTE: passing the practice test does not exempt candidates from taking the written exam with MNPD. Scores from the practice test are NOT transferable. The cost of the practice test is paid by the applicant. No proceeds from the practice test fee go to the MNPD.